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DUBLIN CASTLE, 28th *June*, 1798.

ACCOUNTS have been received from Lieutenant *Gardiner*, of the *Antrim* Militia, that early on *Monday* the 25th inſtant, a Body of REBELS, conſiſting of ſeveral Thouſands, marched from the Mountains of *Wicklow*, to attack *Hacketſtown*. On ſeeing them approach, Lieutenant *Gardiner*, with the Troops under his Command, viz. fifty *Upper-Talbotſtown*, Twenty four *Shebagh* Cavalry, fifty of the *Antrim* Regiment, forty-ſix *Hacketſtown*, and thirty *Coolattin* Yeoman Infantry, took Poſt on the moſt advantageous Ground near the Town, to endeavour to prevent the REBELS from gaining Poſſeſſion of it; but after a few Rounds the REBELS filed off in every Direction, with an Intent to ſurround and cut him off. Lieutenant *Gardiner* then retreated with the Infantry to line the Walls and Windows of the Barrack. A Conteſt continued in the Midſt of Flames (for the REBELS ſet Fire to the Town) for nine Hours, when they were obliged to retreat. Lieutenant *Gardiner* ſtates that the REBELS ſuffered greatly, and that thirty Car-Loads of their killed and wounded were carried off by them in their Retreat, and many of their Dead were found in the Streets and Ditches.

Lieutenant *Gardiner* acknowledges, in the warmeſt Terms, the gallant Conduct of the Officers and Men; and gives particular Praiſe to Lieutenant *James Rowan*, of the *Antrim* Regiment; Captain *Hume*, of the *Upper-Talbotſtown* Cavalry; Captain and Lieutenant *Chamley*, of the *Coolattin* Infantry; Lieutenants *Saul* and *Thomas*, of the *Hacketſtown* Corps; and Lieutenants *Braddell* and *Taylor*, of the *Shebagh* Cavalry; and Serjeant *Nixon*, of the *Antrim* Regiment.

Lieutenant *Gardiner* ſeverely regrets the Loſs of a good Officer, Captain *Hardy*, of the *Hacketſtown* Yeoman Infantry, who fell early in the Action.

RETURN of killed and wounded in the Defence of Hacketſtown, June 25, 1798.

Upper Talbotſtown Cavalry—Four killed, one wounded.
Antrim Detachment—One Serjeant and four Privates wounded.
Hacketſtown Infantry—Four killed, ſix wounded.
Coolattin Infantry—Eight wounded.
Supplementary—Two wounded.
Total—Ten killed, twenty wounded.

"MY LORD, "*Kilkenny*, 27th *June*, 1798.

"I HAVE the Honour to ſend you encloſed a Return of the killed and wounded in the Action with the REBELS at *Kilconnel-Hill*, on the 26th of *June*, and a Return of the Ordnance, Ammunition, &c. &c. taken on that Day. I have the Pleaſure to aſſure you, that every Thing they poſſeſſed has fallen into our Hands; and, from ſubſequent Accounts, the Loſs they ſuſtained was much greater than I had the Honour of ſtating to you in my former Diſpatch. I have no Doubt but this Victory will reſtore the Counties of *Kilkenny* and *Carlow* to Peace and Tranquillity.

"I have the Honour to be,
"My Lord,
"Your Lordſhip's
"Moſt obedient humble Servant,
"*CHA. ASGILL*,
"Major-General."

Right Hon. Viſcount Caſtlereagh.

RETURN

RETURN of the killed, wounded, and miſſing of the TROOPS engaged at Kilconnel-Hill, on the 26th inſtant, under the Command of Major General Sir Charles Aſgill.

Mount-Leinſter Yeoman Infantry—One Lieutenant killed.
5th Dragoons—One Horſe miſſing.
9th Dragoons—One Serjeant wounded, one Horſe killed.
Hompeſch's Huſſars—One Rank and File wounded.
Maryborough Yeoman Cavalry—One Rank and File wounded, four Horſes killed.
Total—One Lieutenant, one Corporal killed; one Serjeant and three Rank and File wounded; five Horſes killed, and one miſſing.

OFFICERS NAMES KILLED.

Lieutenant *Stones*, of the *Mount-Leinſter* Yeoman Infantry.

RETURN of ORDNANCE, COLOURS and AMMUNITION TAKEN.

One Colours, five four Pounders, five one Pounder, four Swivels, a few Guns, and a Number of Pikes, which were deſtroyed as ſoon as taken. A Number of Shot of different Sizes, with a Quantity of Lead and Moulds.

RETURN of STORES TAKEN.

Black Cattle	—	—	—	170
Sheep	—	—	—	100
Horſes,	—	—	—	700
		Total	—	970

Alſo a vaſt Quantity of Bedding, Blanketting, and wearing Apparel.

J. LEWIS HIGGINS,
Lieut. 9th Dragoons,
Acting Brigade Major.

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